

California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
9:00 AM PDT

- **Day 1 (Wed):** Accumulating snow will lead to travel impacts across the state, including lower elevation mountain passes in Southern Region.

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WEATHER KEY POINTS

03/25/20 - 03/31/20

Wednesday-Friday

- A colder storm system will move through the state, with the heaviest snowfall expected in the Sierra today
 - Travel will be impacted in the mountains due to gusty winds and accumulating moderate snowfall
 - Lower snow levels are expected with this event, generally around 2000-3500 feet, with accumulating snow possible on lower Southern Region mountain passes
 - The I-5 corridor in Southern Region could be impacted, with 1-2 inches of snow expected on the Grapevine Wednesday evening into early Thursday
 - Thunderstorms are also possible across the state, with brief heavy rain, localized flooding, small hail, and gusty winds possible with the stronger storms
 - Gusty winds are expected Wednesday across the deserts of Southern Region, which may create travel hazards and blowing dust
- Precipitation will generally begin to taper off Thursday, though some impacts could linger into Friday, especially in the mountains and in northern CA

Saturday-Tuesday

- Another storm will bring showers to northern CA on Saturday, but in general no significant impacts are currently expected through the weekend and into early next week



CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

03/25/20 - 03/31/20

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds	Southern						
Snow	All Regions (Mtns abv 2500')	Inland/ Southern (Abv 2500')					
Coastal Flooding							
River Flooding							
Thunderstorms (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)	All Regions	Inland/ Southern					
Fire Weather (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)							
Heat Risk							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow	All Regions	Southern					
Cold							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



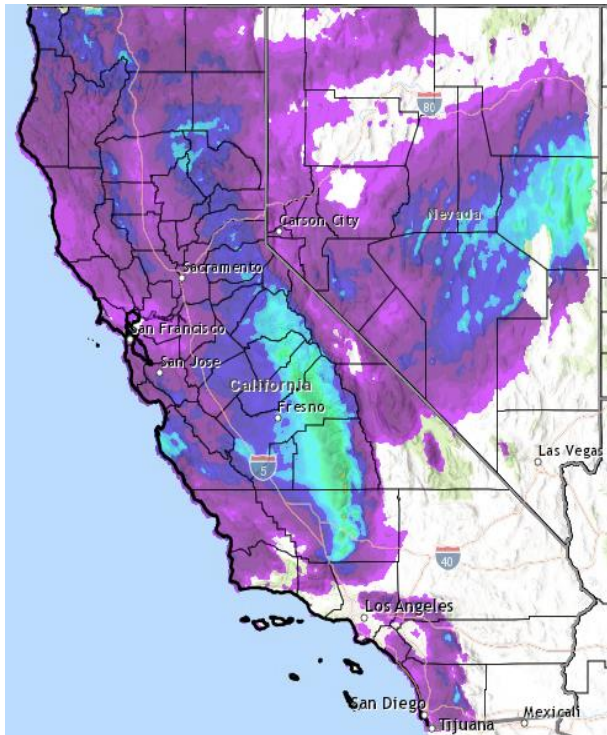
Moderate Impacts



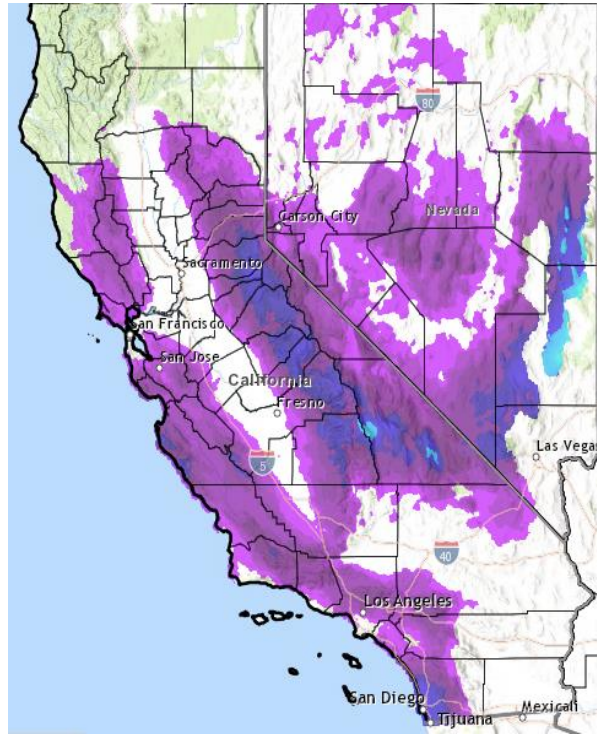
Severe Impacts

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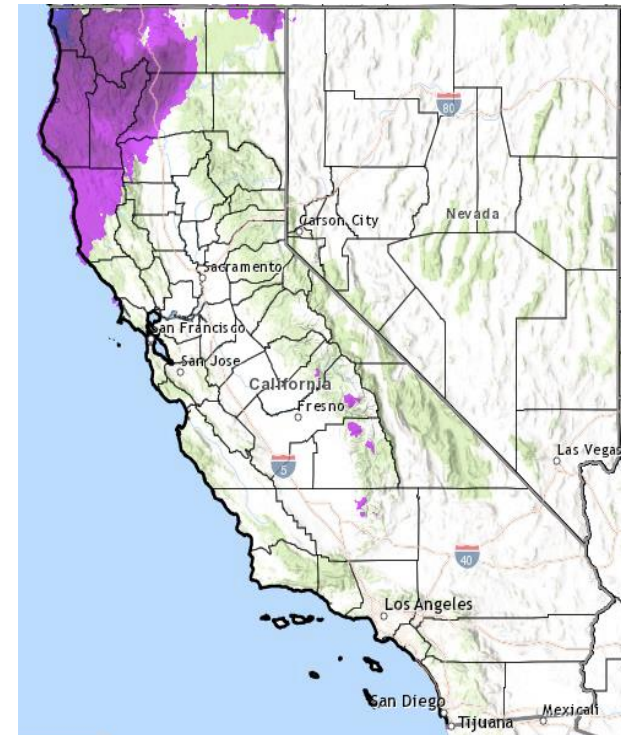
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Wednesday



Thursday



Friday

Precipitation (inches)



WEATHER OUTLOOK

03/30/20 - 04/07/20

6-10 Day Outlook (March 30 – April 3)

Temperatures

- Above normal temperatures favored statewide except normal temperatures expected in far NW CA.

Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation favored statewide

8-14 Day Outlook (April 1 – April 7)

Temperatures

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Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation favored statewide



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